

Monitoring WASH in HCFs through existing national systems

Example of simplified HMIS style questions

Existing Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) or annual facility inventory surveys may provide an opportunity for national monitoring of the SDG criteria for WASH in HCFs. The most appropriate entry point for national monitoring may vary between countries, but in most cases, the ability to include the core questions for WASH in HCFs in existing systems will be limited by the number and complexity of questions. Therefore, a simplified version of the globally recommended core questions for monitoring WASH in HCFs are found below as a starting point for inclusion in existing national monitoring.

Response categories should be modified, as needed, to ensure they are clearly understood by the health care providers answering the questionnaire. If assessment of WASH in HCFs has been conducted previously, results may help inform localization of the question response categories. The questions should also be piloted in a few HCFs to ensure that questions and response categories are clear and encompass the possible situations in the local context.

Example questions

1. Main water source (*select one*): Piped Protected well/spring Rainwater Unprotected well/spring
 River/Lake/Canal Tanker truck No water source
2. Main water source is on premises: Yes No
3. Water from main source is currently available: Yes No
4. Type of toilets (*select one – most common*): Flush/Pour-flush Pit with slab/covered Pit without slab/open
 Composting Hanging Latrine None
5. Number of usable (accessible, functional, private) toilets for outpatient facility: _____ (*insert number*)
6. Toilets separated for men and women: Yes No
7. Women's toilets have facilities to manage menstrual hygiene (covered bin, and/or water and soap): Yes No
8. Toilets separated for staff and patients: Yes No
9. At least one toilet accessible to those with limited mobility: Yes No
10. Soap and water (or alcohol gel) currently available in a randomly selected outpatient consultation room:
 Yes Partially (not functional or lacking materials) No
11. Soap and water currently available near toilets: Yes Either no soap or no water No soap or water
12. Sharps, infectious and general waste are safely separated into three bins in a randomly selected consultation room:
 Yes Somewhat (bins are full or include other waste) No
13. Treatment/disposal of sharps waste: Autoclave Incinerate (2 chamber, 850-1000C) Brick incinerator
 Open burning Open dumping without treatment Chemical disinfection (e.g. with hypochlorite)
 Not treated, but buried in lined, protected pit Not treated and added to general waste
 Not treated, but collected for medical waste disposal Other: _____ (*specify*)
14. Treatment/disposal of infectious waste: Autoclave Incinerate (2 chamber 850-1000C) Brick incinerator
 Open burning Open dumping without treatment Chemical disinfection (e.g. with hypochlorite)
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